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Dear Kentucky Medicaid member:

This letter tells you about a change in the Medicaid Drug Program. The Medicaid Drug Program can pay for **4 prescription medicines for each Medicaid member every 30 days, starting on March 1, 2006.**

What You Need to Know

1. Does not apply to children under 19.
2. Does not apply to people in nursing homes without Medicare Part D drug coverage.
3. Does not apply to insulin.

How Does the 4 Prescription Medicine Rule Work?

Kentucky Medicaid may be able to pay for more than 4 prescription medicines only when,

- You give your Kentucky Health Card to the drug store, **and**
- Your doctor says you will be in danger if you do not get your medicine **OR**
- Your doctor says you are sick with one of these conditions:

1. Acute therapy for migraine headaches/acute pain
2. Acute infections/infestations
3. Bipolar disorders
4. Cancer
5. Cardiac rhythm disorders
6. Chronic pain
7. Coronary artery/cerebrovascular disease (advanced atherosclerotic disease)
8. Cystic fibrosis
9. Dementia
10. Diabetes
11. End stage lung disease
12. End stage renal disease (ESRD)
13. Epilepsy
14. Hemophilia
15. HIV/AIDS/Immunocompromised



16. Hyperlipidemia
17. Hypertension
18. Major depression
19. Metabolic syndrome
20. Organ transplant
21. Psychotic disorders
22. Schizophrenic disorders
23. Schizotypal personality disorders
24. Suppressive therapy for thyroid cancer
25. Terminal stage of an illness

When your prescription is **not** for treating one of the conditions on this list, the pharmacist may talk to you or your doctor about your need for the medicine. The pharmacist or doctor may help with steps that can be taken when you need more than 4 prescription medicines. **Pharmacists and doctors will work within these rules to make sure that you get the prescription medicines you need to be healthy.**

If you have any questions about the 4 prescription medicine rule, you may call 1-800-635-2570.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon R. Turner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shannon R. Turner, J.D.
Commissioner